

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: WILLIS, Chris L.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is 1 page PTOL-85B Issue Fee Transmittal, and 1 page PTO/SB/47 Fee Address Form.
2. Drawings were not formally approved by examiner, nor were they objected to in any way.
3. **DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 190130 AUTHORIZATION** – The Office is hereby authorized to charge the required fee, and any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees to the above deposit account, owned by BAE SYSTEMS Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. an authorized signator for which is Kevin M. Perkins, V.P. & Company Counsel, and for whom the undersigned are authorized agents.

4. **COMMENTS ON REASON FOR ALLOWANCE**

The Applicant thanks the Office for providing reasons for allowance. However, the Applicant believes that the record as a whole amply supports the allowance of the claims and such further comments by the Office do not represent the full scope of the invention as defined in each of the claims. The Office merely recites elements of certain claims as the reasons for allowance, and the Applicant wishes to ensure that such statement does not give rise to a presumption of

acquiescence to those reasons, and any negative inferences that may flow therefrom. Applicant believes that the allowed claims 1-20 and 22, including 3 independent claims are best interpreted in light of the record as a whole and not on the reasons presented in the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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